

## September 2022 AIA Newsletter

### Upcoming dates

AIA board meeting Wednesday September 14th 7.00 via zoom  
MVEA fire mitigation under utility lines starting early September  
Chipping Day Sat Oct 8th

For more information, feel free to contact a Committee, Board or Project member via our website at: <https://arrowwood3.org/contact/>

**ABM** Thank you to the 42 residents that attended the ABM. Many thanks to Dana and Steve Merveldt for hosting this event and Alta Olejnik and Deb Fiala for purchasing and prepping the food . Thanks to Steve for being the grill master.  
Thank you to Elizabeth Mayo for coordinating the speaker- Jonathan Bradley from Tri Lakes Fire Department who gave excellent information while answering the audiences questions.

**Board Meeting** The next AIA board meeting will be Wednesday September 14th at 7.00 pm via zoom. The agenda is attached.

Zoom link:- AIA Board Mtg - Sep2022  
Wednesday, September 14·7:00 – 9:00pm

Lonnie Wheeler is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.  
Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87222697897?pwd=Si9MNXpGV2RnSE9KaktUVFAwWVdhQT09>

Meeting ID: 872 2269 7897

Passcode: 153335

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**Board Positions** The board is thrilled to appoint Heather Sharp to a one year term on the board. The board now has 9 board members. 2022-23 positions will be determined at the September board meeting

### Fire Mitigation

Elizabeth Mayo is the chairperson on the ArrowwoodIII firewise committee. Arrowwood III is a nationally Firewise-recognized community. This means as a community we outlined areas that needed fire mitigation and formed a plan to tackle this danger. This year the firewire committee will be amending the plan. If you are interested in this

process and would like to be a member of this committee contact Elizabeth Mayo at [tuumayo@hotmail.com](mailto:tuumayo@hotmail.com).

**At the ABM** the speaker had driven through Arrowwood 3 and presented one key point he felt this community needed to improve - Egress and Ingress. He mentioned long grasses/weeds (that would soon be dead and brown) along the road easements, overhanging trees and in some places joining up with trees on opposite side of road making an arch. He stated that creating a larger fuel free zone alongside the roadways will in the case of a fire improve the evacuation path of residents as well as create a means for firefighters to come into the area to fight the fire.

**Weeds/dry grasses in street easement** will not be mowed by the county ,reports the work order manager from the Public Service department. The fire mitigation committee would like to encourage all residents to mow the grasses/weeds road side of their property. If a neighbor is unable to do their property think about offering your assistance. Improving the egress and ingress routes will help the whole community.

Many thanks to neighbors who have already mowed their roadside easement. If you are unable to do this and require help, please respond to this email, conversely if you are willing to help mow in roadside easement also respond to this email.

Do you have pine seedlings or small trees in your road easement? Consider removing both before they become a bigger problem.

As requested at the ABM :- Its always a good idea to review your notification and emergency evacuation plans.

To receive alerts, consider downloading the Everbridge app (aka PeakAlerts), <https://elpasoteller911.org/246/Peak-Alerts>

**Chipping Day** The next chipping day will be **Saturday October 8th** Please visit the website <https://arrowwood3.org/firewise-and-chipping/> for guidance and the chipping payment plan. If you have any questions call or email Steve Merveldt 719 440 8551 , [smerveldt@colopropane.com](mailto:smerveldt@colopropane.com) or contact form via the website <https://arrowwood3.org/contact-board-member-2/> . Have your slash out roadside by 8.00 am on October 8th. Cut limbs need to be facing the street, in a pile parallel to one another so they can be easily picked up. **Limbs need to be at least 18” in length** for the safety of the operators. Smaller twigs etc can be placed in trash cans . Chippings will be loaded into trailers and hauled away as Steve has found a source that wants chippings. **If you want your chippings to remain on your property contact Steve Merveldt 719 440 8551** ([smerveldt@colopropane.com](mailto:smerveldt@colopropane.com))

**Volunteers are needed** to help load slash. If you can give any amount of time throughout the day that would be appreciated. The crew will start at 8.00 from Steve Merveldt’s home 19090 Deerfield Rd. If you can join the crew at another time of the day, the noise of the chipper can normally be heard in the neighborhood. Eye and ear

protection is recommended and suitable clothing and shoes. Steve would appreciate knowing about volunteers (call or email Steve Merveldt 719 440 8551 , smerveldt@colopropane.com) but not necessary if you can just jump in for an hour or two.

Many thanks to Steve Merveldt for coordinating the chipping days

**Neighborhood Watch** Jackie and Bob Heyda have requested help with the vegetation around the entrance signs. Please consider **ADOPTING AN ENTRANCE SIGN** . The work entailed is minimal- watering plants once a month and weed whacking around the sign as necessary. The sign on Stirrup and Furrow is being cared for by Richard Young (thanks) .If you are prepared to help with the sign on Arrowwood and Furrow, Arrowwood and Hwy 105 or Martingale and Hwy 105 please email Jackie at [jhmayl@yahoo.com](mailto:jhmayl@yahoo.com)

## **Bear activity**

Please be aware that there is a large bear in our community resulting in unusually high instances of trash can raiding, some close to houses. If possible, put your trash can in a garage or shed and do not put out street side until the morning of pick up. This time of year the bears are preparing for hibernation, so are looking for easy access to food. Let's try and discourage this bear from coming near to homes.

## **Bear safety tips**

<https://www.nps.gov/subjects/bears/safety.htm>

**MVEA Fire Mitigation** You should have all received notification by mail from Mountain View Electric Association who will be carrying out fire mitigation work on utility easements in the Arrowwood3 neighborhood . It has been confirmed that regardless of the boundaries stated in the letter the mitigation work will be within the whole of Arrowwood3 's utility lines. There is a 10 ft easement either side of the utility lines so the work could be anywhere within that 20 ft easement. The work should start early September , will take approximately 2 months dependent on weather.

## **NEPCO** (Northern El Paso County Coalition of Community Associations)

The next NEPCO meeting is on Saturday September 10th It will be held 10.00-12.00 at The Barn Woodmoor Dr. The subject for this meeting is El Paso County and Town of Monument Planning Process and Projects

Arrowwood III is a member of this organization and thus has access to all presentation

slides and minutes of meetings that are accessible on the NEPCO website, [www.nepco.org](http://www.nepco.org). The password for the NEPCO web site is:

Username: member

Password: nepco@2021

Check out our AIA website [www.arrowwood3.org](http://www.arrowwood3.org) for meeting minutes, community information and all official documents.

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